

Year in Review

2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT



OUR MISSION

To transform the lives of individual and families affected by autism spectrum and learning differences.

Dear Family and Friends,

The 2016-2017 year was another year of growth at MLC. I'm thrilled to share this snapshot of our work, highlighting growth in our students, programs, and staff. None of these accomplishments would be possible without our amazing donors, partners, and families. Thank you for your continued support and stay tuned for more great news in the coming year. It's going to be amazing!



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Gudmestad". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white rectangular background.

Amy Gudmestad
Executive Director

Program Description

Minnesota Life College serves adults with autism spectrum disorders and other learning differences on our campus in Richfield, MN. Our students come from across the country and many of them choose to stay and make the Richfield area their permanent home as they live independently with the skills they learned at MLC. Our three primary programs are:

The Undergraduate Program (UG), established in 1996, teaches the core skills that we believe are essential to live independently within a community. We provide residential-based instruction and support on independent living skills, employment skills and social skills, using a holistic, strength-based model of education. Our Undergraduate Program currently has 37 students, including our largest freshman class to date of 18 individuals.

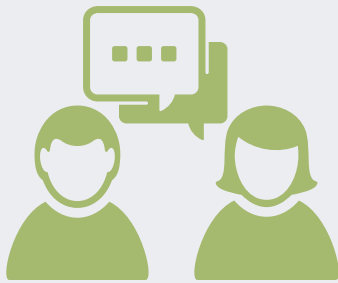
After completing UG, students can opt to join the Community Living Program (CLP). Graduates who are living independently in their own apartment, using public transportation and are often employed in competitive community employment, use the CLP for access to a community of supportive relationships, positive choices and healthy activities within the Twin Cities. Since its inception in 2005, this program has had a dramatic increase in participants enrolled. The CLP program is currently serving 62 adults and we anticipate continued growth into the future.

The Summer Internship Program (SIP) offers a residential 3 week summer session to high school and transition age individuals with learning differences and autism spectrum disorders. SIP students work on skills similar to UG, but in a limited time frame. We provide an apartment living experience that includes skill building in the areas of cooking, cleaning, budgeting and transportation. We also provide training internships to our participants via our corporate partnerships in the community.

31
STUDENTS
2016-2017



5 RETREATS
for building
social skills in
a new setting



100%

of the Class of 2017
employed at
graduation



Introduced new
POD CURRICULUM
focusing on skills in

5 KEY
AREAS

to foster increased student
engagement and learning,
and instructor effectiveness:

Social-Emotional Learning

Vocational Readiness

Apartment Living

Healthy Living



Team Building
and Community

65
MEMBERS

Highest
enrollment
in program
history



Added a new
SPECIALIST
focused on
**HEALTHY
LIVING**
to reflect
member
interest

Delivered over
800 HOURS
of support service
through a new
initiative aimed at
working with
**Roommates,
Individuals,
and Small
Groups**



This
year
we
offered
an
average
of

88

**ACTIVITIES
PER MONTH**

WITH

82%
**OF
MEMBERS**

participating in two or
more each month

Member
Engagement
is Rising!

Financial Statements for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$306,979
Accounts and contributions receivable, net	\$218,228
Other assets	\$64,394
Property and Equipment, net	\$599,275
Investments	\$1,024,061
Total Assets	\$2,212,937

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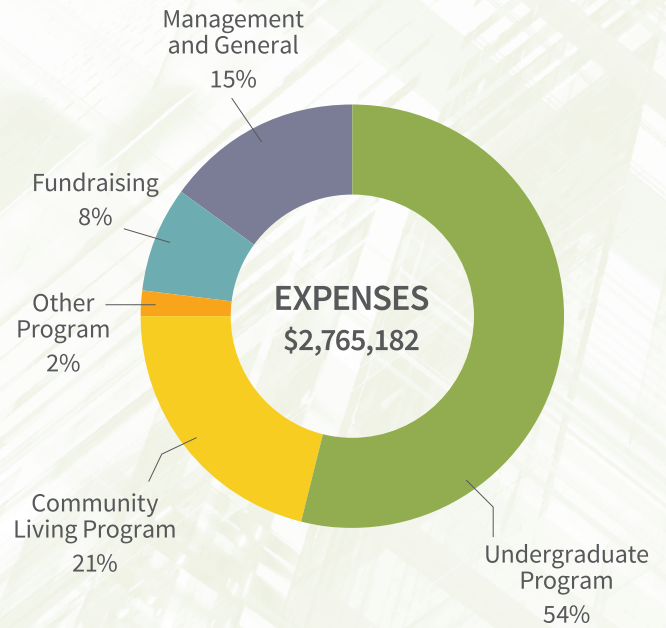
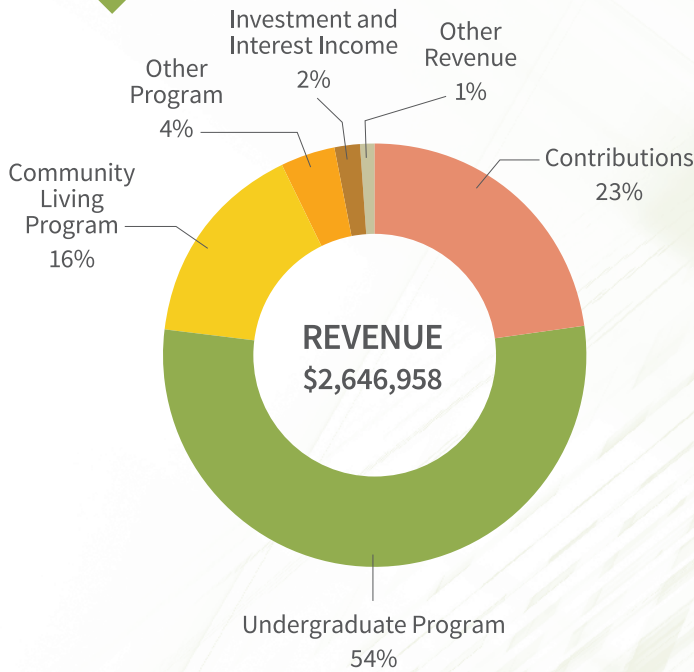
Current liabilities	\$278,803
Long-term debt	\$159,675
Total Liabilities	\$438,478

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$312,501
Board designated	\$1,427,489
Temporarily restricted	\$34,469
Total Net Assets	\$1,774,459

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$2,212,937

Audited financial reports are available upon request from Tim J. Peterson at tpeterson@mnlifecollege.org



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